protection, preservation, and enhancement of the water and air resources of the State.

(1) Within the limitations of G.S. 143-215.9 concerning industrial health and safety, the Environmental Management Commission shall have all of the following powers and duties:

a. To grant a permit or temporary permit, to modify or revoke a permit, and to refuse to grant permits pursuant to G.S. 143-215.1 and G.S. 143-215.108 with regard to controlling

sources of air and water pollution; pollution.

b. To issue a special order pursuant to G.S. 143-215.2(b) and G.S. 143-215.110 to any person whom the Commission finds responsible for causing or contributing to any pollution of water within such watershed or pollution of the air within the area for which standards have been established; established.

 To conduct and direct that investigations be conducted pursuant to G.S. 143-215.3 and G.S. 143-215.108(b)(5);

143-215.108(b)(5).

d. To conduct public hearings, institute actions in superior court, and agree upon or enter into settlements, all pursuant to G.S. 143-215.3; 143-215.3.

e. To direct the investigation of any killing of fish and wildlife

pursuant to G.S. 143-215.3: 143-215.3.

f. To consult with any person proposing to construct, install, or acquire an air or water pollution source pursuant to G.S. 143-215.3 and G.S. 143-215.111; 143-215.111.

g. To encourage local government units to handle air pollution problems and to provide technical and consultative assistance pursuant to G.S. 143-215.3 and G.S. 143-215.112;

143-215.112.

h. To review and have general oversight and supervision over local air pollution control programs pursuant to G.S. 143-215.3 and G.S. 143-215.112; 143-215.112.

 To declare an emergency when it finds a generalized dangerous condition of water or air pollution pursuant to G.S.

143-215.3; 143-215.3.

 To render advice and assistance to local government regarding floodways pursuant to G.S. 143-215.56; 143-215.56.

k. To declare and delineate and modify capacity use areas pursuant to G.S. 143-215.13; 143-215.13.

 To grant permits for water use within capacity use areas pursuant to G.S. 143-215.15; 143-215.15.

m. To direct that investigations be conducted when necessary to carry out duties regarding capacity use areas pursuant to G.S. 143-215.19: 143-215.19.

n. To approve, disapprove and approve subject to conditions all applications for dam construction pursuant to G.S. 143-215.28; to require construction progress reports pursuant to G.S. 143-215.29; 143-215.29.